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The New Motive Power.

The citizens of Wheeling saw yesterday for the first time a car moved through the streets of the city by a new motive power. Although electricity as a force has been known to the world for a very long time, yet its application as a motive power, capable of overcoming great resistance, is of very recent date.

It is really only in the last fifteen years that the problem of successfully overcoming as much resistance as an ordinary street car presents has been made known. In that time street cars have been operated by electrical power in Berlin, Antwerp and one or two other European centers. And in that time also a great deal of other machinery in cities has come to be operated by the same power. Where the end will be no one can conjecture to-day.

The Shakespeare-Bacon Controversy.

The Hon. Ignatius Donnelly is just on the eve of bringing out his much heralded book, which as he confidently announces, will set at rest the question as to who wrote Shakespeare. He acts said to-morrow from New York for Europe, whither he goes to superintend the bringing out of the work in England simultaneously with its publication in this country.

He was in Chicago on Monday and that evening he delivered a lecture at Central Music Hall to a large audience that gathered together to hear him tell some of the various reasons why he holds that Bacon and not Shakespeare was the author of the most wonderful book ever come out of the human brain.

Donnelly is a scholar of some repute, and was once a member of Congress. He is a man of high position in Minnesota. He faced an unbelieving audience in Chicago Monday night, and was plied with all sorts of questions by devotees of the great name.

However, the Chicago Tribune says, he was equal to the occasion, and "retired, after one of the liveliest battles ever waged in a debating room, with the honors of war." We quote from the Tribune's report as follows:

Having slaughtered his critics he slaughtered Shakespeare. The plays, he said, had modified the world, like Christianity. The learning which he made displayed was incredible. Lawyers pronounced their author a lawyer; doctors a doctor.

And what was he? He came from a dirty little village. The first mention of his name was when a mid-heep was removed from his father's door. He was a peddler; he made a disreputable career; he belonged to a society of buccleer-drinkers; he went to a school where nothing but dog-Latin was taught; he was bred in a place where only six "Admirals" sign their names. "And the Admirals," said Mr. Donnelly, "were, of course, the best men in the town."

There was a roar at this. "You understand," added the lecturer, "that I am speaking of the sixteenth century."

Up rose a gentleman of professional mien. He had been sitting in the balcony. "Mr. Donnelly," he said, "do you not believe that Shakespeare wrote 'Yenus and Adonis' and 'Rape of Lucrece'?"

"No, sir, I don't." "What do you believe he wrote?" "The signature to his will—nothing else. There is nothing in it to suggest the name of Shakespeare. How should I believe that a young man came up from the country, disgraced, fleeing from justice, and wrote a poem full of the language of the universality?"

"Is there anything more extraordinary," cried somebody else, "in Shakespeare's knowledge than in Ben Jonson's?" "Jonson had a university education."

"Jonson was a bricklayer." "No, sir, he was not. His mother married a bricklayer. Ben Jonson was at Cambridge."

The fight was going to wax hot, when Mr. Gunther, the dynamo-maker, arose. Mr. Gunther wanted to know why, if Shakespeare could not write, his family had a monument placed over his tomb representing him as standing with a pen in his hand.

This was a power. Mr. Donnelly mused. Irish wit came to his rescue. "O," said he, "if you are going to take testimony from tombstones you offer evidence that no properly constituted court would accept."

While the laugh ran round Mr. Joseph Wright, the lawyer, called the speaker's eye. "Mr. Donnelly," said he, "impressively, 'If I don't believe that Shakespeare wrote the plays that were written for him would not the members of his company expose him?'"

Mr. Donnelly regarded his interlocutor in silence. "I will trouble the janitor," he said, after a pause, "to get me some more water. If I am to answer everybody in the house I must drink."

Replies like these kept the lecturer aloft amid the tempest of criticisms. It was readiness rather than wit, but it preserved good temper and good humor throughout the hall.

"Did not Marlowe testify to Shakespeare's authorship?" pursued Mr. Wright. "Marlowe died before Shakespeare wrote."

"Do you mean, sir, that Shakespeare had written nothing in 1583?" "A play had been attributed to him. But at that time he was probably holding horses at the theatre doors."

"And Jonson," did he not testify?" "No doubt; no doubt. But in his poem on the 'Fifteen Great Wits of England' he refers to Bacon as having 'filled all numbers,' and omits Shakespeare altogether. Besides (whispering very mysteriously), Jonson was not a secret."

Mr. Gunther, the candy man, was not appeased by the answers made by Mr. Wright. "If no plays," he said, "remain in Shakespeare's handwriting, do any remain in Bacon's?"

"Bacon was too busy to leave any," said Mr. Donnelly.

At which Prof. Pearson, of the Northwestern University, grew red the face, and said: "You have alleged Mr. Donnelly—and I dare say you recognize my

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face—that Ben Jonson was used to translate Bacon's works into Latin. Could not Bacon write Latin?"

"Not accurately." "It is the best I can make." "I will thank you for an answer." "You can buy the answer soon at \$4.50 a copy."

"No, sir, my money's up already." "Matters were coming to a climax. Three foolish virgins in the balcony had marred the gravity of the occasion by tittering now went into hysterics of merriment."

"Let me suppose," said Mr. Donnelly to Professor Pearson, "that you are a young man." "A violent supposition," said Professor Pearson.

"Or a highly gifted man." "O, of course," said the professor, and so greatly did Mr. Donnelly drop his hypothesis and turned pleasantly to another of his tormentors.

This was no other than the Rev. Frank Bristol, whose humorous discovery that Raleigh Shakespeare scholars the other day.

"Mr. Donnelly," said he, "I understand you to claim that the drama is in dispute in Shakespeare's day."

"Yes, sir, in grave dispute. The drama of that day corresponded with the minstrel of to-day."

"Then how do you account for the splendid birth of dramatic poetry?" Mr. Donnelly presented the appearance of Mr. John L. Sullivan, on the memorable occasion when Mr. Charles Mitchell knocked that hero down. He was surprised. He rubbed his forehead reflectively. "That," said he, "is a hard question. The Renaissance came; but I don't pretend to account for it."

"At this juncture a paper was passed to Mr. Donnelly. 'Get your questions,' it said, 'to give their name and address. Otherwise the audience will consider them your confederates.'"

"I am not in the Shakespeare business," explained Mr. Donnelly meekly. "I wish I had all the parsons of Shakespeare, the poetaster, here to-night. I would either convince them or I would talk them to death."

"Why?" asked Prof. Pearson, "would not Bacon claim the plays?" "Because the theatre was too low." "Did he not write masques?" "Not at all."

"I beg to differ." And so the battle waged. Its culmination was reached when the man in the gallery called Bacon a self-confessed thief.

Mr. Donnelly grew pathetic. There were almost tears in his eyes. No other act could have stood him in better stead.

"O, my friends," he cried, "abuse me, but do not blacken Bacon. Read him, study him, and you will find that no such man trod this planet, before or since."

THE OMNIBUS DESERTION BILL.

A Large Number of West Virginia Soldiers Benefited by It.

Last Saturday the House passed the General Desertion bill. This bill is intended to relieve Congress of the burden of considering the large class of measures introduced to correct the military record of soldiers and officers who are improperly shown by the records of the War Department as deserters.

A number of ill-considered clauses give the veteran volunteer all the show he could ask for. In fact the bill is so extremely liberal that almost anybody, from the bounty-jumper up, can prove on a clear record with a little management.

Before passage, the bill was amended so as to include soldiers of the Regular Army. On proof being established that the volunteer left his command and struck for home; or was in hospital or on a furlough; or could not get to his command before the war closed; or that the deserter changed his mind and came back to his company "within a reasonable time," or that he left his command with proper authority, called to return on time from any cause, pension and bounty accruing during the time he served. This is the most remarkable bill that has come up in Congress for many a day. There was practically no opposition to it.

I conversed with a talkative West Virginian about this bill. He said there were a number of mountaineer soldiers from his State who would be benefited by it, and related a story which has not yet been told. In the late company of mountaineers was recruited in one of the interior counties and served throughout the war. They were as good soldiers as were in the Union army—brave to desperation, hardy, rough-and-ready fellows, every man a hunter, a craftsman of the woods, and every one a cook. They went with Sherman to the sea, and pulled up with Sherman's army and the other assembled hosts at Washington after the surrender. In the general orders for the grand review issued the day before, was one that the men should wear white cotton gloves and paper collars. The remnant of the mountaineer company who got through the war alive—about a hundred—were left against this order. Their spokesman told the Colonel they had never been used to such foolishness, and didn't propose to begin it this late in their lives. It was the boast of the company that no man in it had ever on a lined shirt. They were raised, comfortably and rationally, in linen-woolsey and jeans. The Colonel told them they would obey Sherman's order or he would know why. The mountaineer said quietly that the Colonel might take time in his why, and returned to his comrades. That night the little company—captain, lieutenants and all—cleared and lit out across the country for home. They lived on the country, and footed every step of the way home over four hundred miles. Now eight or ten of these mountaineer veterans, feeling the advance of age, want pensions and the pay due them, but find out for the first time—it never occurred to them before—that they are deserters! They had always thought of it as simply a smart trick. The broad bill passed Saturday, in the House, at the instance of Mr. Randall, will probably let them in.

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